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SUBJECT: GOP REACTION TO THE KINGSTON COMMUNIQUE

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1. GOP NOSES WERE INDEED BENT OUT OF JOINT BY PARA 14 (REFTEL) OF KINGSTON COMMUNIQUE (ON REPATRIATION OF BIHARIS AND DIVISION OF ASSETS). PAKS DID MAKE DEMARCHE WITH ALL COMMONWEALTH CHIEFS OF MISSION. ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY NIAZ NAIK REGISTERED GOP'S "SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT" THAT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE INVOLVED ITSELF IN ASPECTS OF PAK-BANGLADESH BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN ADDITION, NAIK HANDED OUT COPIES OF AIDE MEMOIRE SETTING FORTH GOP'S POSITION ON BIHARI REPATRIATION AND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES QUESTION.
2. CANADIAN COUNSELOR PERCY SHERWOOD MAY 15 TOLD EMBOFF THAT PAKS WERE INITIALLY DISTURBED ABOUT MATTER, ESPECIALLY AS FIRST WORD OF IT RECEIVED VIA ALL INDIA RADIO. AIR VERSION REPORTEDLY WAS THAT CONFERENCE HAD ENDORSED BENGALI DEMAND THAT PAKS ACCEPT MORE THAN 60,000 BIHARI HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD AND THEIR

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FAMILIES. FOLLOWING BROADCAST MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL

(SOUTH ASIA) HAYAT MEHDI CALLED CANADIANS, AUSSIES
AND BRITS TO ASK FOR COPY OF COMMUNIQUE WHICH NONE
HAD. BEFORE ANY COULD PROVIDE COPY, PAKS HAD RECEIVED
IT FROM THEIR OWN SOURCES AND NEXT DAY PRESENTED
AIDE MEMOIRE WITH THEIR SIDE OF CASE TO COMMONWEALTH
DIPS. AIDE MEMOIRE, SHERWOOD SAYS, IS WELL PREPARED.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO POUCH COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE
PROMISED US BY SHERWOOD TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

4. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE'S OPERATIVE PARA GIVEN REFTEL
IDENTICAL WITH THAT CANADIANS RECEIVED FROM OTTAWA.
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